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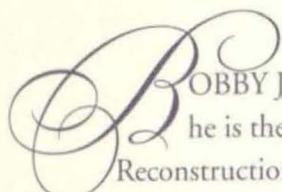
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2008 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

BOBBY JINDAL


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

 BOBBY JINDAL was sworn in as governor of Louisiana on January 14, 2008. At 36, he is the nation's youngest governor, the first minority governor of Louisiana since Reconstruction, and the first Indian American governor in the United States.

He was born in Baton Rouge in 1971 and graduated from Baton Rouge Magnet High School in 1987 before attending Brown University where he graduated with honors in biology and public policy. He then attended Oxford University in Oxford, England, as a Rhodes Scholar.

In 1996, Jindal began his career in public service with an appointment as secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. He would become executive director of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare in 1998, and at the conclusion of the Commission's work, he was appointed president of the University of Louisiana System.

In 2001, he was named assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by Pres. George W. Bush and resigned in 2003, returning to Louisiana for a first-time run at elected office. Jindal was elected to the U.S. Congress in 2004 and re-elected in 2006.



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10:30 a.m., May 22, 2008
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Each year, the local chapter elects to membership from the highest ten percent of the senior class those students who are deemed qualified. The Louisiana chapter of The Order of the Coif, a national honorary law fraternity, was established in 1942. Its purpose is to stimulate scholarly work of the highest order and to foster and promote a high standard of professional conduct.

DEGREES WITH HONORS

In addition to The Order of the Coif, Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Civil Law candidates may receive their degrees *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *cum laude*. The determination for these designations also is based on rank in class. Degrees are awarded *summa cum laude* to students who rank in the top two percent of the graduating class; *magna cum laude*, to the next ten percent of the graduating class; and *cum laude*, to students in the next thirteen percent of the graduating class or the top twenty five percent of the class.

Students graduating with these honors are recognized at Commencement by wearing honor cords. Students graduating *summa cum laude* wear two gold and two purple cords. Those graduating *magna cum laude* wear two gold cords; *cum laude* graduates wear two purple cords. The preliminary list of students graduating with honors is included in this program.

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The appearance of a name in this program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but it is not to be regarded as conclusive. The names of some students who are graduating are not listed in this program due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Because of printing deadlines, honors designations may not be accurate.

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RECESSIONAL *Gaudeamus Igitur* (Traditional student song)

Latin

Gaudeamus igitur
Iuvenes dum sumus
Post iucundum iuventutem
Post molestam senectutem
Nos habebit humus.

Vivat academia
Vivant professores
Vivat membrum quodlibet
Vivat membra quaelibet
Semper sint in flore.

Vivant et republica
et qui illam regit.
Vivat nostra civitas,
Maecenatum caritas
Quae nos hic protegit.

Pereat tristitia,
Pereant osores.
Pereat diabolus,
Quivis antiburschius
Atque irrisores.

English

Let us rejoice therefore
While we are young.
After a pleasant youth
After a troublesome old age
The earth will have us.

Long live the academy!
Long live the teachers!
Long live each male student!
Long live each female student!
May they always flourish!

Long live the republic
And those who rule it
Long live our city
And the charity of benefactors
Which protects us here!

Let sadness perish!
Let haters perish!
Let the devil perish!
Let whoever is against our school
Who laughs at it, perish!

HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE COIF

JUDGE ERNESTINE STEWARD GRAY

THE HONORABLE ERNESTINE STEWARD GRAY is an alumna of the Law Center class of 1976. The keystone of her career has been her service as a Judge of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court since 1984 (Chief since 1990). She completed high school in Orangeburg, South Carolina and then graduated from Spelman College. After law school, she began practice as a trial attorney at the Baton Rouge Legal Aid Society, then moved to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for five years, finally ending her practice as an Assistant Attorney-General of Louisiana. Judge Gray has served with distinction in many positions of leadership, most notably as President of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Board Member, Louisiana Bar Foundation, and Vice President since 1999 of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She has received many awards for her community work, professional leadership and zealous advocate for court and services improvement for children. She was named *One of 100 Women in the Forefront* in 1986. She was a charter member of the Law Institute's Children's Code Advisory Committee, beginning in 1984, and has worked tirelessly to draft and improve the Louisiana Children's Code. Judge Gray's husband, James Austin Gray II, is also an alumnus of LSU Law Center. Their two children, James III and (Sen.) Cheryl Gray, are both attorneys. The family lawyers all practice in New Orleans.

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